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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Battle over local bans on medical marijuana set for Michigan Supreme Court

"The Michigan Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a landmark case today that will decide whether Michigan communities can bar medical marijuana within their borders and possibly whether Michiganders can keep using marijuana at all for health purposes."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Also see:

The Detroit News: ACLU to Supreme Court: Local ordinance chips away at state medical marijuana law

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: City's medical marijuana ban at Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Wyoming's marijuana ordinance faces challenge before State Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Do federal drug laws trump Michigan's constitution? High court will decide

[Full story](#)

WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Oral Arguments Heard In Medical Marijuana Case

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: 36th District Court workers oppose bid to halt legal proceeding during bankruptcy

"A lawyer for union employees at the 36th District Court opposes Detroit's bid to halt legal proceedings against the court during the city's bankruptcy, calling it 'baseless' and 'inappropriate' in a court filing submitted Wednesday. Last month, Detroit's lawyers asked U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes to add the 36th District Court to the city's protection against lawsuits and financial claims while the bankruptcy case progresses."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Request to freeze lawsuits against 36th District Court brings union objection

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Detroit federal courts to stay open even if funding dries up, judges say

"The federal courts in Detroit plan to remain open after their funding dries up Monday in the event Congress does not resolve the partial federal government shutdown by then. The chief judges of the U.S. district and bankruptcy courts in the Eastern District of Michigan issued administrative orders Thursday that all court employees are deemed essential and should continue to report to work on Tuesday — but without pay."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Shutdown won't derail Detroit's bankruptcy case

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Lansing judge holds himself in contempt for cellphone, pays fine

"A sign on Judge Hugh Clarke Jr.'s courtroom door says cellphones 'must be turned off' or silenced. A violation means 'seizure of phone' and a \$50 fee for its return. So, on Friday, when Clarke's own Samsung smartphone rang during a sentence hearing, he held himself in contempt of court. 'I reached in my pocket, pulled out 50 bucks, gave it to my court officer and she took it upstairs,' Clarke said."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

Also see:

Associated Press: Lansing District Judge fines himself after cellphone rings in court

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County lawyer sent to prison for stealing from trust fund for dead friend's sons

"Robert Buschmohle was a longtime, close friend of Derek Tate. He knew of Tate's suffering from cancer, a disease that claimed Tate's life in 2007. He attended Tate's funeral. He knew about Tate's dying wish — to ensure that his sons would have some financial footing for important moments in their lives that he would never see."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Macomb Daily: Former attorney gets 18 months in prison for trust fund theft

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor News: Ann Arbor judge to speak at domestic violence forum

"Fifteenth District Court Chief Judge Elizabeth Pollard Hines will be among the speakers at a domestic violence program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ann Arbor Learning Community, 3980 Research Park Drive. Hosted by Zonta of Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County, the program will feature Hines and other local judges speaking about domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Report shows improvements in child welfare

"The Michigan Human Services Department said Tuesday that a federal monitors' report shows improvements in the state's child welfare system, while a group that sued the state says the agency 'is still struggling in its most crucial mission.' "

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Holiday Hours

"The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day. The U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan will be closed Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Procedure for bail bondsmen (second article)

"Pursuant to MCLA 750.167(b), the judges of the Circuit Court are to annually compile and maintain an up-to-date list of the names of persons engaged in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases.... The Court will circulate the 2014 Bail Bondsmen list to the appropriate agencies in accordance with the statute."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Genesee Circuit judge disqualified from hearing cases of defense attorney who testified against him in paternity lawsuit

"Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman has been disqualified from hearing cases involving a Flint defense attorney who testified against him in a paternity case. Genesee Circuit Chief Judge Richard Yuille issued his ruling Wednesday, Oct. 9, after a brief hearing involving defense attorney Tricia Raymond and Special Assistant Attorney General Michael Thomas, who is assigned to the Genesee County Prosecutor's office."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Ending 'school to prison pipeline' goal of summit

"Kids who skip or are ousted from school for bad behavior are at risk of dropping out and entering the 'school to prison pipeline.' Efforts to find solutions to school truancy —and keep kids from lives of crime — received a boost at the recent 'Michigan Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of the Justice System.' "

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Declining revenue projected for district court

"Preliminary figures suggest the 41A District Court could lose money over the next five years, but officials cautioned against placing too much emphasis on the projections. ... Township officials requested the report [from accounting firm Plante Moran] to help them in deliberations of whether to follow through on a plan to construct a building to house the court in their community."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Attorney General Bill Schuette opposing state employees' union appeal of right-to-work law

"Attorney General Bill Schuette has asked the Michigan Supreme Court to deny an application filed by the largest union representing Michigan state employees challenging the state's right-to-work law, saying a lower court decision was correct in upholding the law."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: Discipline case continues, minus campaign finance charges

"The discipline proceedings against a former attorney for Meijer, Inc. will proceed, but not on the basis that he violated any Michigan campaign finance laws. The Michigan Supreme Court has dismissed charges against Timothy A. Stoepker for allegedly violating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. In its order, the high court reasoned that the section of the act that Stoepker was charged under has been ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: In their opinions: Waxing mythologically on an ineffective assistance claim

"... Three defendants hired the same lawyer to represent them on charges of unarmed robbery, assault and possession of marijuana. Unhappy with the result at trial — all of them were convicted of everything with which they were charged — they claimed they received ineffective assistance due to counsel's supposed conflict of interest. [Bay County Circuit Court Judge Joseph] Sheeran's Odyssean task of

determining whether the trio should get a new trial turned out to be much easier than what his foray into mythology portended.”

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Medical marijuana patient in Auburn Hills fights for custody of baby girl

“Auburn Hills natives Steve and Maria Green had their 7-month-old daughter Bree taken away from them last month after a ruling by the Ingham County Family Court. The reasoning is their medical marijuana case, which has caused extensive controversy within their community.”

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: U-M band alum rejoice in homecoming spirit

“It’s billed as a ‘Blast from the Past,’ an annual Maize-and-Blue filled opportunity for area attorneys Bill Richards and Howard Gourwitz to relive their days as bandsmen at the University of Michigan.... For Richards, a 46th District Court judge in Southfield since 2007, the annual chance to step into the homecoming spotlight is an inviting trip back in time.”

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